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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 1868.

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PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.
LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11, Clement's Lane,
Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30,
Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, 121, Hol-
born Hill, E.C. RATES HENDY & CO.,
4 Old Jewry, E.C.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND.—Gordon & Gotch, Mel-
bourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Posts
generally.—WHITE & BAUER, San
Francisco.
CHINA.—Swinton, DROWN & CO. Amoy,
Guangzhou, Foochow, THOMAS &
CO. Shanghai, H. FOGG & CO. Ma-
cau, C. KIRKET & CO.

ARRIVALS.

July 31, Kalahome, Siam, steamer, 175,
Bailey, Penang and Singapore, July 27 and
24, General Chinese.
July 31, Glance, French barque, 430,
Lannegrasse, Saigon, July 18, 3000 piculs
B.C.—F. E. DENT & CO.

Departures.

Aug. 1, Grec, for Manila,
1, San Lorenzo; for Manila,
1, Rota, for Whampoa,
1, Berwickshire, for Foochow,
1, Eliza Blanche, for Foochow.

Clearances.

Lue, for Yokohama,
Seaford, for Chefoo,
Mekong, for Amoy,
Soon Hong, for Whampoa,
Frederick Wilhelm, for Whampoa.

Passengers.

ARRIVED.—Per Kalahome, 68 Chinese,
for Glance, 87 Chinese.

Shipping Reports.

The Siamese steamer *Kalahome*, from
Penang and Singapore, reports the first
part of passage fine weather, wind from
W.; the latter part strong N.E. wind and
heavy squalls until arrival.

Under Despatch.

For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.—Per
Hindoo, on Monday, the 3rd August, at 2
P.M.

New Advertisements.

GREAT WORLD CIRCUS.

Postponement.

ON MONDAY EVENING,
AUG. 3RD, INSTEAD OF THIS EVENING.

POSITIVELY the last Performance,
being for the benefit of
MISS GEMMA,

AND THE
MASTERS DUCROW.

THE LAST AND GREATEST NIGHT.

GRAND CONUNDRUM NIGHT.
THE SILVER GOBLET TO BE POSI-
TIVELY GIVEN AWAY.

IMMENSE ATTRACTION.

First appearance of
MASTER TALBOT,
in his principal Equestrian Act.

First appearance of
MISS ELIZABETH & MISS GEMMA,
in a double Scotch Dance.

YOUNG DUOROW,
in his Great Hurdle Act.

For the first time Hongkong,
PETE JENKINS,
or the Countryman's first visit to the Circus.

On this occasion,
MISS GEMMA,
in her new daring and graceful
Equestrian Act.

First appearance of
J. E. F. DAVIS,
in his Ariel flight over the Corde Volante.

The wee Fox HUNTER will exert his
previous efforts.

For the first time in Hongkong,
MASTER TALBOT,
in his daring Wheel Ascension.

ELIA ZOYARA,
the premier Equestrienne of the World.

The Comic MULE, PETE and BARNEY,
will conclude the Evening Entertainment
with their Comicalities.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.
First Class, \$2.00
Second Class, 1.00
Third Class, .50
Children half-price.

Performance to commence at 8 o'clock
precisely.
Hongkong, Aug. 1st, 1868.

STRAVED OR STOLEN.
A Dun-coloured Greyhound BITCH,
with black-leather collar; anybody
obtaining the same will be prosecuted.
Hongkong, August, 1868.

New Advertisements.

J. W. WOOD,
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT,
GENERAL AVERAGE ADJUSTER,
SURVEYOR OF DAMAGED GOODS.
OFFICE, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
Medical Hall, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 25th July, 1868.

LUSITANO THEATRE.

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 1st.
FIRST NIGHT OF THE
AUSTRALIAN COMPANY IN BURLESQUE.

FIRST NIGHT OF BURLESQUE CIRCUS.

LOUISE ARNOT, as CLOWN.
MRS. AIREY AS RING MASTER.

FIRST APPEARANCE OF
MR. W. T. AIREY, IN HIS GREAT IMPERSONATION OF
MILLE. ZO-AIREY.

FIRST APPEARANCE OF
LITTLE JENNY AIREY,
AS YOUTHFUL CLOWN AND JESTER.

The Performance will commence, by
desire, with
"OUR GAL,"
To be followed by a
MUSICAL ODE.

And to conclude with the Glorious
Burlesque of
"VILLIKNIS AND HIS DINAH."

See Programmes.

Fresh Talent will shortly arrive to join the
Company.
Hongkong, July 31, 1868.

L. F. KEL & CO.,
SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,
GENERAL STOREKEEPERS,
AND
COMMISSION AGENTS,
Queen's Road, HONGKONG.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Agents at Hongkong.—
MESSRS. AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO.

NOTICE is hereby given that the half-
yearly interest at the rate of 10 per
cent per annum will be payable to the
Shareholders at the London and County
Bank, Lombard Street, London, on and
after the 8th July 1868.

JAS. LE GHEY DANIELL,
Secretary.
London, June 19, 1868.

ALIGEMEINE VERSICHERUNGS-
GESSELLSCHAFT FÜR SEE-FLUSS-
UND LAND TRANSPORT
IN DRESDEN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents of the above Insurance Com-
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Marine Risks.

W.M. PUSTAU & CO.
Hongkong, July 21, 1868.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary
half-yearly Meeting of the
SHAREHOLDERS in the CORPORATION
will be held at the Head Office of the BANK,
Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the Thirteenth
day of August, proximo, at Three o'clock
P.M., for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the Court of Directors, together
with a statement of Accounts, to 30th
June, 1868.

By order of the Court of Directors.

VICTOR KRESSE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, July 25, 1868.

JAS. LE GHEY DANIELL,
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London, June 19, 1868.

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New Advertisements.

MRS. VINTON'S PRIVATE FAMILY
BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT,
Hollywood Road, next door to the Hotel
de Europe.

Hongkong, May 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents at Hongkong, Canton and
Macao for the UNION OF HAMBURG
UNDERWRITERS, and beg to draw
attention to \$66,687 and \$127,141 of the
"Allgemeine See-Versicherung Bedingungen
1867," according to which all
documents to substantiate claims against
the Union of Hamburg Underwriters must
be certified by the Agents, or they will not
be recognized.

The Sale will take place on the Pre-
mises at 3 P.M.

TERMS OF SALE.—One half of the pur-
chase money to be paid on fall of the
hammer and balance on completion of
transfer. The Property to be at pur-
chaser's risk on fall of the hammer.

For further particulars apply to

W. N. MIDDLETON,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, July 9, 1868.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received in-
structions from the Trustees of DENT &
Co.'s Estate to sell by Public
Auction, if not previously disposed by
private sale, on the 5th day of September
next, the Property situated at the corner of
Wellington and d'Aguilar Streets on a
portion of Inland, Lot No. 137, and
known as DENT & Co.'s STABLES.

The Property has a frontage of about
77 feet in Wellington Street, 76 feet on
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Hongkong, July 9, 1868.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received in-
structions from the Proprietor (who
is compelled to give up business on ac-
count of ill health) to sell the Copyright
in the "FRIEND OF CHINA," along with
the Printing Establishment and
Office Furniture.

Unless previously disposed of by pri-
vate Contract, it will be put up to Auction
on the 17th August, 1868, at 2 P.M., in their
Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

A valuable collection of BOOKS, in-
cluding—

A complete copy of the BRITISH
EAST ASIATIC.

A perfect edition of the BRITISH POETS
in 50 Volumes.

A number of SCIENTIFIC Works, and
many other literary productions of the
first order.

Being the property of a Gentleman
who has given up house-keeping.

Catalogues will be issued shortly, after
which the Books may be sold by private
contract.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.

All Lots with all faults and errors of
description at purchaser's risk on the fall of
the hammer.

Hongkong, July 11, 1868.

THE FRIEND OF CHINA.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned have received in-

INSURANCES.
MERCHANTS' MUTUAL
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY,
SAN FRANCISCO.
PAID UP CAPITAL, \$500,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong and China for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies at Current Rates.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 9, 1868.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE
COMPANY.
ESTABLISHED 1858.
CAPITAL, \$500,000.

Managing Agents in China.—MESSRS.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO., HONGKONG,
Medical Referees.—J. IVOR MURRAY,
Esq., M.B.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Managing Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks and issue Policies on Life Assurances.

For further particulars, forms of proposals, &c., apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO.
Managing Agents in China.

HONGKONG, JUNE, 1868.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL \$2,000,000, IN 2,000 SHARES OF
\$1,000 EACH.

\$100 per Share to be paid on Allotment, and
\$100 six months after Allotment.

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the following Resolutions passed at a Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company held on the 8th instant, applications for Shares in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited will be received by the General Managers, the form of application to be as follows:

To the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED,
GENTLEMEN,

I request you to allot me Shares of One Thousand Dollars each in the above-named Company, and I agree to accept such Shares, or any less number which may be allotted, to me, and to pay a Call of One Hundred Dollars per share on allotment, and a further Call of One Hundred Dollars per Share, six months after allotment, and I further undertake to subscribe to the Dead or Settlement when called on to do so.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE.

That the General Managers and Consulting Committee are hereby authorized to adopt measures for the reconstruction of the Company as the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, on the basis proposed in the Memorandum of the 2nd April presented to this Meeting.

No. 2.

That the General Managers and Consulting Committee are hereby requested to receive applications for Shares in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, and on the receipt of such applications to the extent of One Thousand Shares to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company for the purpose of authorizing its dissolution and the transfer of its assets and liabilities to the new Company.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

N.B.—Forms of application for Shares may be had at the Office of the Company, Queen's Road.

HONGKONG, APRIL 9, 1868.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz.—

Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annual Rate.
One month, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.

HONGKONG, APRIL 7, 1868.

ALLIANCE FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz.—

Not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annual Rate.
One month, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Above 1 month and not exceeding three months, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Above 3 months and not exceeding six months, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents, Alliance Fire Assurance Company.

HONGKONG, APRIL 7, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE
CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurances at the usual Terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 23, 1867.

NOTICE.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz.—

Not exceeding 1 month, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Above 6 months, the full Annual Rate.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Agents,

HONGKONG, APRIL 8, 1868.

INSURANCES.
LONDON ASSURANCE CORPO-
RATION.

THE following rates will be future charged for Short Period Insurances:

One month, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Three months, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Six months, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE
COMPANY.

CAPITAL—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & CO.

Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances:

Not exceeding 1 month, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the annual rate.

Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance
Company.

Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances:

Not exceeding 1 month, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the annual rate.

Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & CO.,
Agents, Queen's Insurance Company.

Hongkong, May 20, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances:

Not exceeding 1 month, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the annual rate.

Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

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Above 6 months, the full annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents, Queen's Insurance Company.

Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents, Queen's Insurance Company.

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Post-Office Notifications.

Intimations.

MAILS BY THE "MALACCA."—The Contract Packet "MALACCA" will be despatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on FRIDAY, the 7th Aug., at 9 A.M., and the Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Letters for Registration, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 8 P.M. on the 6th Inst. Letters, &c., may be posted in the night box from 8 P.M. on the 5th inst., until 7 A.M. on the following morning.

All Letters posted between 7 and 8 A.M. on the 7th inst., will be chargeable, in addition to the usual postage, with a Late Fee of 18 cents.

The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 8 A.M. and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 7 A.M. on the 7th Inst.

Further, late letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Malacca or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 8.30 to 9.30 A.M. on payment of a late fee of 48 cents each, in addition to the postage, after which no Letters can be received.

Sealed Boxes containing the correspondence of Box Holders will be received at the window set apart for the purpose, on the East Side of the building.

All correspondence for places to which payment is compulsory must be prepaid in Hongkong Postage Stamps.

Inadequately-stamped Letters addressed to the United Kingdom will be sent on, charged with a sum of One Shilling in addition to the postage.

Letters posted after 7 A.M. on the 7th Inst. will not be forwarded unless the Late Fee as well as the postage is prepaid.

Letters insufficiently stamped or unstamped addressed to places to which they cannot be forwarded unpaid, will be opened and returned to the writers as early as possible, but no guarantee can be given that such Letters, if posted after 8 A.M. on the 6th Inst., will be returned until after the mail is closed.

Postage Stamps should be placed on the upper right hand corner of the correspondence, except in cases where they may be used in payment of "Late Fees," when the Stamp or Stamps representing the late fee should be placed on the lower left-hand corner.

All transactions in fractional parts of a Dollar will be conducted in the Coins prescribed by Ordinance 1, of 1864, and the Proclamation of the 22nd January, 1864, and no other Coins, but those thereto specified will either be received or given in change as fractional parts of a Dollar.

Payment for Postage Stamps must be made in the current Dollars of the Colony or Bank Notes.

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, July 31, 1868.

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HONGKONG LIGHTERING AND STORAGE CO.

The above Company is now prepared to LAND or SHIP Cargo, in first class Lighters, and to take the entire discharge of Ships by Contract. Also to STORE Goods in first class Granite Godowns at moderate Rates.

J. S. HOON, SON & CO.,
Managers.
Hongkong, December 17, 1867.

SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE.

OLD HOLDERS of Certificates of Shares in the Shanghai Steam Navigation Company are requested to send them to the Agents of the Company, to be replaced by Receipts representing the amount of the old shares and the stock dividend added, pending the issue of New Share Certificates.

ROXBURY MILLIE,
Secretary d' Auditor,
Shanghai, 24 February, 1868.

SAILORS' HOME, WEST POINT
Trades.

The Hon. J. WHITALL, Esq.,
Hon. JOHN DENT, G. THOMSETT, Esq.,
R. N.
WILLIAM DELANO,
J. Esq.,
Directors.

H. B. GIBB, Esq., W. ADAMSON, Esq.,
WALDEMAR NISSEN, R. BRAND, Esq.,
PAULINE FRANKE, GEO. MAULEAN Esq.,
A. HEARD, Esq., IVOR MURRAY, Esq.,
H. B. LEHMANN, Esq.,
Committee of Management.

THOS. SUTHERLAND, H. G. THOMSETT, Esq.,
G. J. HELLAND, Esq.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL,
HONGKONG.

TRUSTEES—

The Colonial Secretary, The Honourable W. KESWICK, Esq.,
Geo. HEARD, Esq.,
The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Company, (ex officio),
W. STANLEY ADAMS, M.D., Resident Surgeon,
W. PATERSON, Esq., Hon. Treasurer.

TERMS OF ADMISSION—

1st Class (Private Room), per day, \$3.00.
2nd " (2 Bed-sitting Rooms), \$2.00.
3rd " (1 Room), \$1.00.
Public Ward, \$1.00.

These Charges are inclusive of all Medicines and Attendants, but exclusive of Wines or Articles not in the recognised Dietary Table.

All Orders for Admission to Hospital must be countersigned by some responsible Person or Persons resident in the Colony.

Patients are also admitted on Deposits at the following rates, renewable one day previous to the amount deposited having been expended:—

1st Class, \$60.

2nd " , \$40.

By Order, W. PATERSON,
W. PATERSON, Esq., Hon. Treasurer.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

THE following HOTEL is now open, where Families and Gentlemen can find superior accommodation.

Private Room for Dinner parties.

Breakfast from 9 to 10 A.M.

Tiffin, " to 2 P.M.

Dinner at 7 P.M.

N.B.—The Public Bar will be open on Saturday, the 7th instant.

CHAS. S. DUGGAN,
Manager.

Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

HAIR DRESSING SALOON.

W. P. MOORE

RETURNS his sincere thanks to the public in general for their generous patronage of late, and feels quite proud that his humble efforts are so highly appreciated.

He is ready to serve any gentleman who may feel the necessity of having any tonical operations performed.

Particular attention paid to setting Hair.

Hongkong, May 27, 1868.

"STAG HOTEL."

SITUATE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

PERSONS and FAMILIES requiring Su-

perior Hotel Accommodation will find it at the above Establishment.

EDMUND R. HOLMES,
Proprietor.

Breakfast, 9 A.M.

Tiffin, 1 P.M.

Dinner, 7 P.M.

Refreshments provided at all hours.

Regular Daily Mess at \$30 per month.

The undermentioned Papers are filed:—

China Mail, Daily Press, China Express,

London News, Punch, Engineer,

Scientific American, China Punch.

ICED DRINKS.

COFFEE, TEA, CHOCOLATE, &c.

DRINKS.

Notices to Consignees.

"WEST DERBY," from CALCUTTA.
CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above
Ship are requested to send in their
Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for
counter-signature at once, and to take im-
mediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge, and for
which boats are not alongside within a rea-
sonable time, say twelve working hours,
will be landed and stored in Messrs Dent
& Co.'s Godown, B, at the risk and expense of
the Consignees of such Goods.

BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, July 31, 1868.

CONSIGNEES of cargo per Company's
Steam-ship "Imperial," are re-
quested to send in their bills of lading for
counter-signature, and to take delivery of
their Goods before the 1st of August next,
or they will be landed and stored at their
risk and expense.

C. BERTRAND, Principal Agent.
Hongkong, July 28, 1868.

CONSIGNEES of cargo, per Spanish
Brig "SAVIA," from Manila, are
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for
counter-signature and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods, otherwise they will
be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

WAHEE CO.,
SUGAR REFINERY,
East Point.
Hongkong, July 29, 1868.

THE following packages have been landed
and stored at the risk and expense of
the Consignees, who are requested to take
immediate delivery.

Ez d. "Colorado," 15th July, 1868.
G. D. & Co., Nos. 193-195, 2 boxes Glass,
from Liverpool.

F. D., 1 box Samples,
from Yokohama.
GEO. F. BOWMAN,
Agent, P. M. S. Co.
Hongkong, July 29, 1868. Aug 5

THE following cases have been landed
and stored at the risk and expense of
the Consignees, who are requested to take
immediate delivery.

Ez d. "Donat," 7th January, 1868.
B. 531, 1 Case Paper.

Ez d. "Donat," 8th June,
NO 120/122, 3 cases Sweetmeats
C. BERTRAND,
Principal Agent.
Hongkong, July 4, 1868.

P. M. S. S. Co., 121, "COLORADO,"
FROM YOKOHAMA AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-
named Vessel are requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for
counter-signature, and take immediate de-
livery of their Goods.

Cargo not called for within 24 hours after
the arrival will be landed and stored at
risk and expense of Consignees.

GEO. F. BOWMAN,
Agent.
Hongkong, July 7, 1868.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
CALD T. SMITH in our Firm, ceased,
by his Retirement, on 31st December, 1867.
SMITH, ARCHER & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1868. Aug 11

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
FRANCIS PARKER and Mr. THOMAS
SMITH in our Firm ceased on 31st Decem-
ber, 1867, from which date the Partners are
Mr. CHARLES WILSON MURRAY, Mr. ARTHUR
SMITH and Mr. THOMAS PYKE.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, June 16, 1868. 16ag

NOTICE.
WE have authorized Mr. CHARLES BUDDE
to sign our Firm from this date.
DRAYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
M. R. J. MURRAY FORBES is autho-
rized to sign our name at Canton from
this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, February 15, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
FEARNAUD NISSEN in our Firm ceased
on the 30th April last.

The Business will in future be conducted
under the Style and Firm of
ROBERTSON & Co.,
in which Mr. PARKER GARNET has been
admitted a Partner.

NISSEN & ROBERTSON.
Ningpo, May 9, 1868. 19ag

NOTICE.
M. R. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE
is authorized to sign our Firm per
procuration, at Foochow from this date.
BIRLEY & Co.
Hongkong, June 3, 1868.

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FERNAND NISSEN in our Firm ceased
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NISSEN & ROBERTSON.
Ningpo, May 9, 1868. 19ag

NOTICE.
M. R. FERNAND NISSEN and Mr. HEINRICH
HOFFMANN have been authorized to sign
our Firm here and in China from this date.
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, May 12, 1868. 19ag

NOTICE.
M. R. RYLE HOLME has been admitted
a partner in our Firm.
GLOVER & Co.
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
MR. R. A. H. TOLLIUS GLÜZENKAMP,
being from this date interested in our
Firm, will sign the same for pro-
curement, at the Directors of the Company.
REYNVAAN BROTHERS & Co.
Hongkong, June 1, 1868. 19ag

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date, Captain J. C.
SAUNDERS will undertake the Business
of Marine Surveying at this port.
J. DRING,
Marine Surveyor.
Foochow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
WITH reference to the above, the
business hitherto carried on by
H. J. DRING, Esq. at Foochow will be
conducted by the Undersigned.

J. C. SAUNDERS,
Chap Min,
Pagoda Anchorage,
Foochow.

NOTICE.
THE connection of the Undersigned with
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J. M. ARMSTRONG.
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Vol. 2,
QUERIES
in JAPAN.
this day.

Mines, On the legends
Curiosities of China
Population of the
Kin-ko Plain,
Mountains under the care

of the Dragon,
Barbarians, Mount-
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by Impalement
Chinese, Pawn-tickets,
The Tallow Tree.

RESPONDENTS, and

NOTES ON SUNDAYS

HONGKONG.—Morning, 11
Bishop. Afternoon 5
Bishop and Colonial

Minister, Rev. D. B.
service, 11 A.M.; Even-

ING CHAPEL.—(Morning 10 o'clock—
Rev. Lo Sam Yuen,
the same.)

THURSDAY.—Welling-
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in English, by old ; 7, 3rd Mass.,
in Portuguese, the afternoon, at 1,

the Rev. S. Cho ; at
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tion's CHAPEL.—Spring-
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the Rev. F. Yaw,
Methodist Reformatory,
Vigano. Service at

HOUSE.—Service in
by Pastor E. Klitzke,
half-past ten A.M., in
Foundling House,
Evening Service, at
Bishop and Colonial

CHACOUE.—Queen's
at 4 P.M. every

CHINA MAIL.

AUGUST 1, 1868.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

fact that some temptation of this sort is necessary to induce people to take the bonds, does not imply quite that confidence in the scheme which the directors evidently labour to show is extensively felt. It has always appeared to us that had the canal been undertaken by the government alone, and bonds issued bearing a low but certain rate of interest, the prospects of the undertaking would have been better assured than by leaving it so entirely to private enterprise. The security would have rested on the market, and while the public expense would have been slight, the feeling in commercial circles would have been more assured in favour of the undertaking. In one sense the canal becomes an important guarantee for peace between France and Great Britain, as hostile operations would, by closing the canal to the one or the other, (as we should probably take possession of it if possible) materially interfere with the profits to be derived from its use.

The details given of the general progress of the works are but a continuation of those given in previous reports. That so many cubic tons of earth have been excavated, that so many huts are erected, etc., etc., are particulars which convey but a slight notion of the actual progress made. Rather will we turn to two or three of the most salient points in this curious and important document. The first is connected with the telegraphic staff in connection with the works, whereby telegrams reach Paris in two hours from Ismaila. At all accounts our Suez telegrams have worse fortune, and at all events it is a noteworthy fact that Franco can receive her telegrams from Suez in the space of time mentioned. As regards transit, considerable stress is laid upon the aid given to the Abyssinian Expedition by the company; and an immense amount of testimony, English particularly quoted, to show that the enterprise is a reality and not a magnificent sham. We quote one paragraph bearing on the China trade:

At a numerous meeting held at Newcastle on the 20th of March last, with the celebrated William Armstrong in the chair, Mr. Eastgate Smith, of Gosforth, one of the largest shipbuilders in the district said— "My first desire to see the canal," said he, "dates from about three years back. At that time, never having heard it spoken of in England otherwise than as a wild scheme, certain to end in failure, I was making a voyage in the Mediterranean. I was amazed to find that all foreigners, and a large number of Englishmen whom I met, spoke of it in a very different tone, as of a fact which would surely be realized." Of the speaker thus propounded the three principal questions, the answers to which embody his opinion as to the future of the canal—

"Will the canal ever be completed? If completed, can it be kept open? And, if it is kept open, what effect will it have on English trade?" Mr. Smith answered the questions as follows:—"1. All the great physical difficulties have been surmounted far enough to show that the application of the means already employed will surmount them entirely. "2. As to keeping the canal open when completed, it has always been supposed that the great obstacle would be the encroachment of the sand. In my opinion, this fear is altogether illusory; not only is the canal kept open, but it is being rapidly deepened across the largest sandy banks. As to the third question, Mr. Smith says:—"3. I am certain that in five years following the opening of the canal the whole of the European traffic, and a great part of the American, if not the whole of the European trade with China, will pass through the canal." In doing so we obey a charge given us by the Emperor of China, to assure you of his sincere desire for your personal health, honor, and happiness, and for the welfare and prosperity of the great nation over whom, by the authority of Heaven, you have been called to preside."

The President replied as follows:—"Your Excellencies, the appearance here of this, the mission from China to the Western nations, is in this respect, not more singular than it is suggestive." During the first eighty years of our independence foreign nations exercised caution and reserve, not to say jealousy, in regard to the advances of the United States. Of late this feature has seemed to disappear. There remains however one civilised and regularly constituted State with which we have not formed relations of cordial friendship. We have recently opened reciprocal and equal intercourse with Greece, with the Ottoman Porte, and with Japan. China, having accepted the laws of nations as they are explained in our own approved compilation, now avails herself, through your mission of our friendly introduction to the Christian States of Europe and America. These events reveal the pleasing fact of a rapid growth of mutual trust and confidence among nations, resulting from a general suspension of the policy of war and conquest, and the substitution of a fraternal and benevolent policy in its place. Your Excellencies, we have not failed to appreciate the sagacity with which the Chinese Empire has responded to this change of policy by the Christian nations. We acknowledge with pleasure the cordial and enlightened adoption of that policy by the Western nations, acting in concert with the United States especially by Great Britain, France, Russia, North Germany, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, and Belgium. I deem it not unworthy of this occasion to bear witness to the merit of the representative agents whom common labours at Peking have culminated in bringing the empire of China so early and so directly into the family circle of civilised nations, namely, Prince Kung and Wenshan, the port of China itself, Mr. Burlingame, the United States; Sir Andrew Bruce, the British party, Mr. Berthony on behalf of France, and Messrs. Ballouzec and Vlanguy on the part of Russia. Reasoning from the harmony which has thus prevailed hitherto, I feel myself justified on this occasion, not only in giving you a cordial reception, but also in assuring you of a welcome, equally cordial, by the several other Powers to which you are accredited. I trust that the intelligence and enlightened Chinese Government and people will allow me to build upon this day's transaction an expectation that their great empire, instead of remaining as heretofore, merely passive, will henceforth be induced to take an active part in the general progress of civilization. There are several lines of navigation between Europe and China, citizens of the United States have already constructed a road across the Isthmus of Panama, with a line of steam service across the Pacific Ocean. In two or three years more there will be added to these facilities or intercourse, the Pacific Railroad, across our own continent, and a ship canal constructed by French patronage across the Isthmus of Suez. At there will yet remain besides all these, and more important than all of them—the great work of connecting the two oceans by a ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien. To

lieve that "the said José Maria da Ponte e Horta" means to run away from the responsibility of the libel action he has instituted against the *China Mail*. Your true blue-blooded Don could never be guilty of so contemptible an act. He has hit the *China Mail* under the obvious shield of the British Crown (about which we shall have something to say by and bye), and has through a more decided and better marked chorus than that of last night. As the performance will be repeated to-night, and the Circus troupe do not perform, it is reasonable to expect that a good house will reward the well-meaning and successful efforts of this Society.

After the delivery of the address, the Embassy was introduced to the members of the Cabinet. The President exchanged a few words with the Chinese through the interpreter. All seemed to be pleased with the interview. The Embassy retired to the State Department, where they were entertained with a collation.

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doubt the feasibility of such a work would imply an ignorance of the science and the wealth of the age in which we live. Your important mission will enable you to contribute largely to the achievement of that great enterprise. I respectfully invite you, therefore, to command it to the favour of the United States of Columbia, as well as to the Government of China, and the several European States to which you are accredited.

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more than a quarter of a century to the study of Chinese, and to that branch of Chinese which is likely to prove most useful to the majority of students. The students may be divided into three classes—the philologists, the missionaries, and the embryo consular interpreters. For the help of the latter Mr. Wade especially intends his books, which we are most sure we think him calculated to fulfil their mission. In the first place, Mr. Wade has chosen the mandarin or Court language, as being the official dialect of the whole empire and divides his work into "two principal divisions, respectively denominated colloquial and documentary series." In the preface of the former he impresses very strongly on the student the necessity of acquiring the tones or notes of the voices applicable to each sound, for as further to complicate a language, already sufficiently entangled, the fifty thousand written characters of the language are represented by only a few hundred monosyllabic sounds, and it was therefore necessary to make some further distinction by which the meanings of the characters bearing the same sound might in all cases be made plain. To accomplish this object, the Chinese invented four tones or notes of the voice which determine the meaning of each syllable, and which, according to Mr. Wade, may be called the affirmative, the interrogative, the negative, and the regretful tones. The neglect of, or the inability to attain, these tones will always lay the student open to the most absurd and sometimes serious blunders. As an illustration of the mistakes thus constantly arising, the author tells us of a gentleman of some proficiency in the language who by pronouncing the syllable "you," which means amongst other things both salt and opinion, in the affirmative instead of in the interrogative tones, led the Chinaman with whom he was conversing to infer that his question referred to opinion, whereas he was in reality asking for salt. If any fact is to be found in the dialogues, which are extremely appropriate and well chosen, we would take exception to a few expressions purely Pekinese, which would have been better avoided, being localisms, and only intelligible to natives of the Imperial provinces. The documentary series is all that could be desired, and the pure idiomatic English of the translations will serve admirable models of style to future interpreters.

CHARITABLE FUND DINNERS.

(*Post-Mall Gazette*.)

It is well worthy the consideration of managers of benevolent societies, especially of societies in nominal connection with literature and art, whether some more decorous and consonant means of raising money can be devised than the annual dinner on which they are accustomed to rely as a mainstay. The secret arrangements of one such celebration have recently been made public, and it turns out that the cost of the banquet is scarcely defrayed by the subscriptions given in support of the charity during the whole year. At the best half-past two o'clock the Orientals arrived at the Westminster, where a considerable crowd had congregated to receive them. Some very hasty individuals rushed forward to embrace the mandarins, as they thought, but subsequently ascertained to their disgust, that they had been embracing the cook, a fine venerable old fellow of 63 summers, the legation occupies thirty rooms on the second floor, where nobles and servants all dined. No Chinese ladies accompany the party. They had left New York to pay their respects to the officials at Washington.

THE CHINESE HANDBOOKS.*
(*Post-Mall Gazette*.)

In a country where Western ideas are so completely reversed as in China, where people write from right to left instead of from left to right, where white garments represent mourning and a coffin in the most acceptable of gifts, where the roses have no fragrance and the needle points to the south, we ought not, it has been said, "to be astonished to find a literature without an alphabet and a language without a grammar." And when it is further remembered that there are nineteen spoken dialects so widely differing from each other in everything but the written character, which is the same in all, that they may be considered as many distinct tongues; that in the written language the ancient classic differs so much from the more modern book style, and the official documents from the epistles, that a proficient in any one may be entirely ignorant of the other three, and that these four styles are represented by 50,000 arbitrary signs or characters of doubtful etymology, it will be seen how immense is the field of labour before the student of Chinese, and how tantalizing like its endlessness and discontents. No sooner after years of toil does the scholar congratulate himself on having climbed up to and surmounted a ridge on that steep and rugged mountain of knowledge than he finds that the elevation only reveals to him long stretches of study and deep gullies of difficulties which before were hidden from his mental sight—stretches so long and gullies so deep, that, if faint-hearted, he yields and contents himself with pottering about on the level he has gained, and feels no regret at, perhaps does not recognize, an occasional slip backward. He sees with painful clearness that he can never cease to be a learner, that a few more ridges may be reached, but only by years of toil, and that the assistance he would give to others must always be the empirical teaching of a student, instead of the dicta of a master. Still then is his consolation for such a one in the thought that the summit of mountain has never been reached by any one, Chinese or European—not by Confucius himself, and that those aged scholars who, after days spent in study, recite their minds by spending their evenings on the Peking bridges, watching their favorite sky-larks darting on the bent sticks carried in their hands, are, after all, only climbers like himself, infinitely in advance of him certainly, but yet no more likely to reach the summit.

Considering these disheartening difficulties, gratitude is due to those who, by the exertion of their talents, have succeeded in writing books to guide the student in the path to the topmost of the social system. The Royal Highness spoke his mind with something of the freedom and plausibility which is one of his most agreeable characteristics. "I hope I may say," he remarked, "I have not made a mistake in coming among you and taking the chair on the present occasion." That he should have had a strong doubt upon the point down to the last moment, and then admitted it, is a flattering tribute to the position which the press of this country has won in the social system.

Lord Houghton afterwards endeavoured to console the Royal Duke for having temporarily compromised himself by mixing with such very questionable people. He justly admitted that "these meetings" might sometimes be considered "rather a bore" than otherwise, and went on to say that it was a thing of which Englishmen might well be proud, that "the head of the army of this country meets the press of this country on equal terms." Now, what on earth is there for any one to be proud of in this? Lord Houghton could not, we are sure, be guilty of what is

At a late court, a
brought cross actions,
with having con-
troversy. On investi-
gating the husband had
at the wife, and the
the door against
the gentleman of the bar
see no impropriety
forcing each other.
—An Irish com-
munity, which had been
lawyer, though the
different, some of the
on the occasion.
—Who could help
hundred judges on
dred?" said one
"three." By Saint
there were one and
one.

When the comedy
was in rehearsal,
gave the per-
several parts. On
he was not a little
representative of
an Irishman. As
off the stage, Gold
mean of this, as it
extended the comedian,
as I could to the
constructed me, except
quite so strong a

Yankee, having told
he had shot, on one
line hundred and
interlocutor asked
take it a thousand at
"not likely I'm
one snipe." Where-
determined not to be
long story of a man
over to Boston,
asked the Yankee,
him yourself?"
I did.
I was coming
passed him a mile
"Well, I'm glad
cos' yer a witness
me!"

her Majesty's jour-
nals undertaken solely
medical advice that
Imperial Review,
survey of the Cana-
been ordered by
it, and on Saturday
accompanied by ap-
pool for New York,
Jazz, en route to
that the work will
of the Canadian
must work.
ed by a gentleman's
is safe.
not be seen when he
pitch under water.
caused intoxication
—a singular in-
cept to think them-
strunk men are to
enough.
ight cold business,
an hope for is just
ever get that
ans have a greater
in anybody else—
more liable to see

The following is
You'll come to the
Yis, the morning
er's clerk hearing it
"man is merely a
I suppose an attor-
ney."

cash have already
overcome." The
heralded in those
New York reporter,
very unfortunate
trouble, wretched
beginning of riot
or found in peace,

my horse," said the
his tail came off
after I bought him."
time for no honour-
"am," was the reply.
used to pay a shoc-
the shoe-black
old buffer; all the
your shoes, and

ing pictures on his
in his father, who
only remained him
"I know it, pa,"
and so I am draw-
nate sale of antiqui-
with the following:
This, ladies, and
of Romulus, the
whether he was a
not tell."

—One cold
pretty girl stopped
rags little fresh
said she, "I ain't
was, ma'am, before
ply.
harrister opened a
Mr. Justice

"I wish, Mr.
in some disorder;
the best, but I am
order you like—

Jones has discov-
of a distinction and
that "a little differ-
ences many enemies,
ion" attracts heat-
on whom it is con-

of the young mem-
Washington on his
ilious travels, said
get safe through
el-thankful for is
on my railroad
to this city."

A transcontinental
text—"Feed my
her very quantity
coming out of the
text, sir; but you
out the day so high
you can't reach it."

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